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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. RINZLER LETTER 15 JULY TO ORCHOWSKA, MINISTRY CULTURE AND FINE ARTS, ACKNOWLEDGES WITH GRATITUDE POLISH RESPONSE TO PARTICIPATE IN 1976 FESTIVAL AND ADVISES JAMES KIMBALL, SMITHSONIAN CONTRACT RESEARCHER FROM WESLEYAN, AVAILABLE FOR FIELD WORK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. LETTER SUGGESTS DR. LUDWIG BIELAWSKI, AS DISCUSSED IN MARCH MEETING, BE DESIGNATED AS POLISH FOLKLORIST TO WORK WITH KIMBALL AND REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THIS PROPOSAL.

2. COPIES THIS LETTER BEING MAILED TO USIS TOGETHER WITH COPY RINZLER LETTER TO ZDZISLAW KOZLOWICZ, POLISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, ADVISING SMITHSONIAN EAGER FOR BIELAWSKI DESIGNATION.

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3. REQUEST P&C OPINION ASAP IF BIELAWSKI INVOLVEMENT

POSES PROBLEM.

4. OR, IF NO PROBLEM FORESEEN, REQUEST USIS APPROACH IRENA GABOR, CHIEF OF SECTION, MFA , WHO TOOK NOTES AT RINZLER/GOSENDE MEETING WITH KLACZYNSKI, TO PERSUADE LATTER TO SUPPORT BIELAWSKI'S SELECTION TO ORCHOWSKA.

5. AS DISCUSSED WITH ORCHOWSKA IN MARCH, KIMBALL AND BIELAWSKI HAVE WORKED TOGETHER PREVIOUSLY. WOULD APPRECI-

ATE GOSENDE INITIATE REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH ORCHOWSKA ON KIMBALL'S ARRIVAL AT WHICH KIMBALL, BIELAWSKI AND GOSENDE WOULD DRAW UP ACCEPTABLE PLAN FOR FIELD WORK. INGERSOLL

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